

*FINAL APPROVED*

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE  
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES**

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Friday, August 5, 2011

Department of Health Professions    Henrico, Virginia  
Perimeter Center  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite #300

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**CALL TO ORDER:** A panel of the Board was called to order at 1:15 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Ransone, M.D., Chair  
Valerie Hoffman, D.C.  
Stuart Mackler, M.D.  
Sandra Bell, M.D.  
Stephen Heretick, J.D.

**BOARD COUNSEL:** Amy Marschean, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline  
Renée S. Dixon, Discipline Case Manager

**COURT REPORTERS:** Beth Aliss, Farnsworth & Taylor Court Reporting

**PARTY ON BEHALF OF  
COMMONWEALTH:** Corie E. Tillman Wolf, AAG  
J. Fielding Yelverton, Adjudication Specialist

**WITNESSES FOR THE  
COMMONWEALTH:** Det. Bradford Cavender, Prince William Co. P.D.  
Patient A  
Patient B  
Patient C [*by affidavit*]  
Donald Williams  
Pam Kinchloe, Sr. Inv., DHP [*by affidavit*]

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ms. Leet

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** Christopher J. Leet, M.D.                      License No.: 0101-023981  
Case No.: 139035

**PRELIMINARY MATTER:** Ms. Wolf motioned that all witnesses be sequestered prior to  
giving testimony to the Board.

**RULING:** Hearing no objections from Dr. Leet, the Chair granted the  
motion.

**DISCUSSION:**

Dr. Leet appeared before the Board in person in accordance with the Board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated July 26, 2011. Dr. Leet was represented by Michael Goodman, Esquire and Kristi Vanderlaan, Esquire.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony from the parties called by the Commonwealth and Dr. Leet regarding the matters as set forth in the Statement of Particulars dated July 26, 2011. Ms. Wolf also noted for the record that affidavits from Inv. Kinchloe and Patient C had been moved into evidence and should be considered by the Board.

Ms. Wolf called her first witness, Patient A, who was sworn. During the course of her testimony, questions regarding her medical treatment and history arose.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Therefore, upon a motion by Dr. Hoffman, and duly seconded, the Board voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A (27) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of considering and discussing the medical records of Patient A. Additionally, Dr. Hoffman moved that Ms. Marschean, Ms. Deschenes, and Ms. Dixon attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its discussion..

**RECONVENE:**

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board re-convened in open session and the hearing continued.

Ms. Wolf concluded her questioning of Patient A and she was questioned by counsel for Dr. Leet and the Board. Upon the conclusion of her testimony, Patient A was released.

Ms. Wolf called her second witness, Patient B, who was sworn. During the course of her testimony, questions regarding her medical treatment and history arose.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Therefore, upon a motion by Dr. Hoffman, and duly seconded, the Board voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A (27) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of considering and discussing the medical records of Patient B. Additionally, Dr. Hoffman moved that Ms. Marschean, Ms. Deschenes, and Ms. Dixon attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its discussion..

**RECONVENE:**

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board re-convened in open session and the hearing continued.

Ms. Wolf concluded her questioning of Patient B and she was questioned by counsel for Dr. Leet and the Board. Upon the conclusion of her testimony, Patient B was released.

Ms. Wolf called her third witness, Mr. Donald Williams.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Goodman noted objections regarding Mr. Williams as a witness. Mr. Goodman argued that Mr. Williams had no firsthand knowledge regarding the alleged incidents in Dr. Leet's office. Ms. Wolf argued that her questioning of Mr. Williams was limited to information he received from other parties and his interaction with Dr. Leet, all of which was his own firsthand knowledge.

**RULING:**

The Chair overruled Mr. Goodman's objections.

Ms. Wolf concluded her questioning of Mr. Williams and he was questioned by counsel for Dr. Leet and the Board. Upon the conclusion of his testimony, Mr. Williams was released.

Ms. Wolf called her final witness, Det. Cavender. Upon concluding her questioning of Det. Cavender, he was questioned by counsel for Dr. Leet and the Board.

Upon the conclusion of his testimony, Det. Cavender was released and the Commonwealth rested its case.

Mr. Goodman called Dr. Leet to testify on his own behalf. Upon the concluding his questioning of Dr. Leet, he was questioned by Ms. Wolf and the Board.

Upon the conclusion of his testimony, Mr. Goodman rested his case.

**CLOSING REMARKS:**

At the conclusion of the case presentation by both parties, the Board received closing statement and proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law from Ms. Wolf and Mr. Goodman.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Upon a motion by Dr. Mackler, and duly seconded by Mr. Heretick, the Board voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A(27) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Leet. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Marschean, Ms. Deschenes, and Ms. Dixon attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

**RECONVENE:**

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:**

Upon a motion by Dr. Mackler, and duly seconded by Mr. Heretick, the Board made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and voted to continued the suspension of Dr. Leet's license for not less than six (6) months.

**VOTE:**

The vote was unanimous.

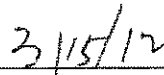
**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Board adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

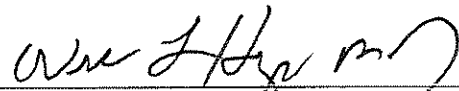
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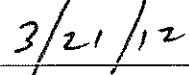
Karen Ransone, M.D., Chair



Date



William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director



Date

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**Henrico, Virginia**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A panel of the Board was called to order at 7:23 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Ransone, M.D., Chair  
Valerie Hoffman, D.C.  
Stuart Mackler, M.D.  
Sandra Bell, M.D.  
Stephen Heretick, J.D.

**BOARD COUNSEL:** Amy Marschean, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director of the Board

**COURT REPORTERS:** Beth Aliss, Farnsworth & Taylor Court Reporting

**PARTY ON BEHALF OF  
COMMONWEALTH:** Wayne Halbleib, Senior AAG  
J. Fielding Yelverton, Adjudication Specialist

**WITNESSES FOR THE  
COMMONWEALTH:** Lori Anne Milton  
William W. Abernathy

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Larren Wade, M.D.**      **License No.: 0101-054025**  
**Case Nos.: 131948, 132131, 135613**

**PRELIMINARY MATTER:** The Chair noted that the time was 7:25 p.m. and Dr. Wade was scheduled to appear before the Board at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Halbleib presented an affidavit signed by the Executive Director of the Board attesting that the notices had been sent by certified mail, UPS, and 1<sup>st</sup> class mail to Dr. Wade's address of record with the Board. Further, none of the mailings had been returned.

**RULING:** Based on the information contained in the affidavit and the representations of Mr. Halbleib, the Chair ruled that Dr. Wade had been properly noticed at his address of record; therefore, the formal hearing would proceed in his absence. The affidavit was marked as Commonwealth's Exhibit #10 and admitted into evidence.

**DISCUSSION:**

Dr. Wade did not appear before the Board in person in accordance with the Board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated May 18, 2011, nor was he represented by counsel at the hearing.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony from the parties called by the Commonwealth regarding the matters as set forth in the Statement of Particulars dated May 18, 2011.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Upon a motion by Dr. Mackler, and duly seconded by Mr. Heretick, the Board voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A(27) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Wade. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Marschean and Dr. Harp attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

**RECONVENE:**

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:**

Upon a motion by Dr. Hoffman, and duly seconded by Dr. Bell, the Board made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and voted to revoke the license of Dr. Wade.

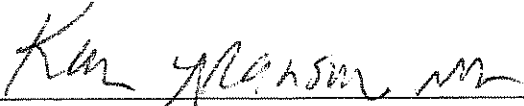
**VOTE:**

The vote was unanimous.

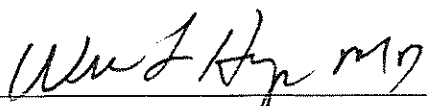
**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Board adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

*The decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decisions of this formal hearing panel.*

  
Karen Ransone, M.D., Chair

3/15/12  
Date

  
William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

3/21/12  
Date